



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Eva Ackerman and Randy Gene Clark

Serial No.: 09/764,572

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: Faceplate with Fire Retardant  
Material for an Electrical Box

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Atty. Dkt. No.: 041443-00752

Group Art Unit: 2831

Examiner: Patel, Dhru

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 31, 2002  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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This communication is in response to the Office Action of 31 December 2003 and is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

Please change the title to read as follows: "A METHOD OF ASSISTING A  
COMPROMISED BARRIER".

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claims:

-- 37. A method of assisting a compromised barrier, comprising:

- C'*
- a) installing into a fire-rated barrier an electrical box, the electrical box compromising the fire resistance of the fire-rated barrier;
  - b) introducing into the electrical box a fire retardant gasket; and